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#### **New Retirees**

Retiree	Department	Date
Gary W. Anderson	Fire	4/2003
Rodney B. Daniels	Airport	1/2003
George A. Dennis	Fire	1/2003
Ronald R. Harris	Police	1/2003
Donald T. Kloppenberg	Fire	5/2003
William H. Maden	Fire	3/2003
Bobby W. Miller	Fire	2/2003
Terry S. Moon	Fire	2/2003
Frederick Nickell	Fire	3/2003
Ronald D. Palmer	Airport	2/2003
Randy E. Slaughter	Fire	1/2003
Douglas K. Stimits	Fire	1/2003
Louis L. Tangney	Fire	1/2003

#### In Memoriam

Retiree	Department	Date
Aurcle H. Bradshaw	Fire	1/2003
Frank C. Ellis	Police	6/2003
Homer E. Hall	Fire	3/2003
Vera M. Hall	Police (widow of Cleo)	6/2003
Thomas M. Houser	Police	3/2003
Edward H. Jennings	Fire	3/2003
William F. Knowles	Fire	7/2003
Helen M. Mead	Police (widow of James)	3/2003
Suzann Merriman	Fire (widow of Larry)	7/2003
Cornelia H. Prowse	Police (widow of Charles)	6/2003
Gladys L. Spingler	Fire (widow of Stanley)	3/2003
Nolan E. Spruill	Police	6/2003
Mildred E. Van Cleave	Fire (widow of Guy)	6/2003
Laurel D. Winters	Fire	3/2003

# Of Interest

# Finally, Positive Returns!

Good news from our investment managers. Through the end of June 2003, the pension funds have enjoyed a positive investment return of over 9.5%; much better than the –5.7% return we experienced at the end of June 2002.

## Fire and Police Departments on the Web

The City of Wichita's Fire and Police Departments maintain web sites that offer information on the departments and links to related sites on the Internet. Both web sites are accessible through the City of Wichita's site at <a href="https://www.wichita.gov">www.wichita.gov</a>. Under <a href="https://www.wichita.gov">City Offices</a>, click on Fire or on Police to access their sites.

The Fire Department site includes a Station Locator map showing all the fire stations throughout the city. The map has links, which take you to pictures of each station.

The Police Department site includes links to information on neighborhood crime statistics, highest accident locations, pictures of Wichita's most wanted, and the <u>Help Catch a Robber!</u> link with surveillance photos of recent robberies and financial crimes.

#### Pension Check News

The "Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003" recently signed by President Bush modified the Federal Tax Withholding Table. If your Federal withholding is based on the tax tables (such as married or single with the number of exemptions), you should see a reduction of the federal taxes deducted from your pension check beginning July 1st.

In addition, your July 1st checks were printed and mailed from Charlotte, North Carolina (rather than Chicago, IL). This should not affect the delivery of your check or advice (in the case of electronic deposits); they are still due the first business day of the month. Please contact the Pension Management Office by email or phone **after** the first business day of the month if you do not receive your check.

Many City retirees currently have their monthly benefit checks electronically deposited directly into their bank accounts. This service is free, secure, reliable, and convenient. You do not have to worry about lost, stolen, damaged checks, or getting your check deposited when you are out of town or unable to get to your bank. Direct deposit ensures that your check is deposited on time, even if there is a disruption of postal service.

To sign up for Direct Deposit, return the form attached to your check stub or call the Pension Management Office.

#### **Health Insurance Notes**

For those retirees with the City's group medical insurance, questions regarding your coverage should be directed to your insurance providers:

Preferred Plus of Kansas, Inc. 1-800-660-8114
National Medical Health Card Systems 1-800-645-3332
Vision Service Plan (VSP) 1-800-877-7195

For an updated Preferred Drug List (3-tier), access the NMHC web site at <a href="www.nmhcrx.com">www.nmhcrx.com</a>. On this site, click on the link for <a href="Member Services">Member Services</a> to access information regarding the Preferred Drug List (3-tier) and mail-ordering prescriptions or refills.

## www.wichita.gov

Want to stay in touch with the City of Wichita? Visit the City's web site to learn about current news, departmental happenings, the City's budget, Council agendas and minutes, the Capital Improvement Program, apply for a job, or access City Codes.

New features on the web site include links to area attractions, governmental agencies and legislators. If you are looking for a lost pet or for an animal to adopt, you can access daily animal pickups at the Wichita Animal Shelter.



## Staying in Touch (E-Mail)

If you have access to e-mail, <u>please send us an e-mail message so we may add your e-mail address to our files.</u> This is a quick, convenient, low cost way to keep in touch. Please send your e-mail message to twenger@wichita.gov.

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